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**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION
OF ANNEXES TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT (ARTICLE 34):**

Amended Sheets (Pages 12 & 13)

We claim:-

1. The use of a thermally polymerizable mixture consisting of a multifunctional macromonomer comprising one or more free-radically polymerizable double bonds and a polymerization initiator as a binder for a fibrous or granular substrate.
2. The use according to claim 1 wherein said thermally polymerizable mixture is used as a binder for glass fiber, rock wool, natural fiber, manufactured fiber and for core sand binding.
3. The use according to claim 1 or 2 wherein said macro-monomers comprise acrylate, methacrylate, maleate, vinyl ether, vinyl and/or allyl groups as free-radically polymerizable groups.
4. The use according to any of claims 1 to 3 wherefor the molar mass M_w of said multifunctional macromonomer is in the range from 300 to 30 000.
5. The use according to any of claims 1 to 4 wherefor the molar mass M_w of said multifunctional macromonomer is in the range from 500 to 20 000.
6. The use according to any of claims 1 to 5 wherefor said multifunctional macromonomer is obtainable by co-reacting
 - a) 0.5-2.0 equivalents of a 2- to 6-hydric alkoxyated alcohol with
 - b) 0 to 1 equivalent of a 2- to 4-basic C_3 to C_{16} carboxylic acid and/or anhydride and
 - c) 0.1 to 1.5 equivalents of acrylic acid and/or methacrylic acid
 - d) 0 to 1 equivalent of dioland then reacting the thus obtainable reaction product with at least one epoxy compound.
7. The use according to claim 6 wherefor said multifunctional macromonomer is obtainable by subsequently reacting the product of the reaction of an epoxy compound with said reaction product with a polyisocyanate in the presence or absence of a chain extender to form a macromonomer comprising acrylate and polyurethane groups.
8. The use according to any of claims 1 to 7 wherein said polymerization initiator is at least one selected from the group consisting of peroxides, hydroperoxides,

peroxydisulfates, percarbonates, peroxyesters, hydrogen peroxide and azo compounds.

- 5 9. The use according to any of claims 1 to 8 comprising 0.05% to 15% by weight solids of a polymerization initiator.